

**Lyme Disease Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes of the May 1, 2003 Teleconference
Department of Health Services Sacramento, CA**

A teleconference meeting of the Lyme Disease Advisory Committee (LDAC) was held on May 1, 2003, in Sacramento, California.

Committee members in attendance

Vicki Kramer, Ph.D., California Department of Health Services
Robert Lane, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley
Peggy Leonard, Lyme Disease Resource Center
Lee Lull, Lyme Disease Support Network
Susie Merrill, Lyme Disease Support Network
James Miller, Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles
Christian Parlier, Lyme Disease Support Network
Raphael Stricker, M.D., California Medical Association

Committee members not in attendance

Victoria Deloney, Ph.N., Sacramento County Public Health
Scott Morrow, M.D., California Conference of Local Health Officers

Other attendees

Anne Kjemtrup, D.V.M., Ph.D., California Department of Health Services
Peter Mackler, California Department of Health Services
Barbara Yonemura, California Department of Health Services
Approximately 16 people representing the interested public were also on the line.

I. Roll Call

The meeting was brought to order at 2:10 p.m. by Dr. Vicki Kramer, acting as Chairperson for Dr. Robert Lane until he was available to join the conference call at 2:45 p.m. A quorum of the Committee members was present.

II. Information on the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Government Code Sections 11120-11132)

Ms. Barbara Yonemura, senior counsel with the Office of Legal Affairs, California Department of Health Services (DHS) discussed the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (<http://caag.state.ca.us/publications/bagleykeene.pdf>) as it pertains to DHS committees.

Ms. Yonemura entertained questions from the Committee regarding the open meeting act. Questions after this meeting could be forwarded on to Dr. Kjemtrup (akjemtru@dhs.ca.gov) to forward on to DHS-Legal Services for response.

III. LDAC proposed letter to CMA

Dr. Kramer reviewed the motion that was passed at the March 25, 2003, LDAC meeting stating that the LDAC would write a letter to the California Medical Association (CMA) regarding CMA's statement on aspects of Lyme disease

treatment and diagnosis. Ms. Yonemura explained that writing letters to agencies other than DHS is outside the Committee's charge of advising DHS and explained that to address an emergency situation; the Committee may write a letter to the Director of DHS.

Dr. Miller motioned that the Chairman of the LDAC write a letter to the Director of DHS reflecting concerns on the information provided to the CMA Scientific Advisory Committee. Dr. Robert Lane seconded the motion.

Public discussion followed.

A vote was taken on the motion. Ms. Leonard, Ms. Lee, Ms. Merrill, Dr. Miller, Mr. Parlier, Dr. Lane and Dr. Stricker voted "aye", Dr. Kramer abstained. The motioned passed.

Ms. Lull made another motion that, in addition to the LDAC Chairman as the author of the letter, Dr. Stricker should be the second author. Ms. Leonard seconded the motion.

A vote was taken and the motion passed with the same voting record as above.

IV. Election of LDAC Chairperson

Ms. Yonemura explained that since the actual voting for a new Chairman (announced at the last LDAC meeting, March 25, 2003) was not done at an open meeting, the vote for Chairperson had to be repeated.

Dr. Lane announced that he is resigning as Chair of the LDAC.

Dr. Miller nominated Mr. Chris Parlier for Chairperson.

Ms. Lull seconded the nomination.

Public comment followed.

The vote for the Chairperson was conducted and Mr. Parlier was voted unanimously by the Committee as the next Chairperson of the LDAC

V. Public Comment

A ten minute public comment period occurred.

VI. Meeting adjournment

The next meeting will be scheduled in the following fiscal year (per Department of Finance memo discussed at the last meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.